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SUBJ: REPORTED COUP IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR--
OFFICIAL REACTIONS FROM JAKARTA

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1. JAKARTA PRESS MORNING AUGUST 12 REPORTS STATEMENTS BY GOI
FONMIN MALIK AND DEFENSE/SECURITY AGENCY (KOPKAMTIB)
CHIEF OF STAFF ADMIRAL SUDOMO, AMONG OTHERS, IN REACTIONS TO
REPORTED COUP IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR(PT).

2. MALIK QUOTED AS SAYING INDONESIA NOT STARTLED BY
DEVELOPMENTS IN PT BECAUSE GOI HAD ALREADY CALCULATED
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POSSIBLE DIRECTIONS OF DEVELOPMENTS THERE. HE TOLD PRESS

HE HAD RECEIVED NO CLEAR REPORTS CONCERNING THE EVENTS IN PT, AND SUGGESTED IT BEST TO WAIT FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION. HE ADDED THAT INDONESIA WOULD NOT TAKE ANY ACTION CONCERNING PT DEVELOPMENTS UNLESS THESE DEVELOPMENTS DISTURBED INDONESIA/PT BORDER, IN WHICH CASE SUCH DISTURBANCES WOULD HAVE TO BE PREVENTED.

3. ADMIRAL SUDOMO, IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES, ALSO STATED HE HAD NO FIRM INFORMATION ON PT SITUATION. HE STRESSED THAT INDONESIA HAD NOT CARRIED OUT ANY MILITARY PREPARATIONS OR BUILDUP IN BORDER AREA, BUT THAT IF PT DEVELOPMENTS DISTURBED INDONESIAN NATIONAL STABILITY GOI WOULD CONSIDER TAKING FURTHER STEPS. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SITUATION IN PT WOULD REMAIN QUIET SO THAT PEOPLE OF PT COULD DETERMINE THEIR OWN FATE IN DEMOCRATIC WAY.

4. INDONESIAN ARMED FORCES DAILY ANGKATAN BERSENJATA REPORTED ADDITIONAL COMMENT BY PARLIAMENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMISSION HEAD IMRON ROSYADI THAT NEWS FROM PT WAS SOURCE OF CONCERN FOR INDONESIA. HE CALLED FOR INCREASED VIGILANCE BY GOI.

5. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE INDONESIAN OBSERVER REPORTED FONOFF "ANNOUNCEMENT" AUGUST 11 THAT FONOFF HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT "SHOW OF FORCE" HAD BEEN STAGED IN PT BY UDT POLITICAL PARTY. (COMMENT: THIS IS PRESUMABLY SAME REPORT CITED PARA 1 REFTTEL).

6. PRESS ALSO REPORTS TELEPHONE LINKS FROM BOTH AUSTRALIA AND INDONESIA TO PT CAPITAL DILI WERE NOT OPERATING AS OF AFTERNOON AUGUST 11. PORTUGUESE CHARGE IN JAKARTA, DR DE SOUZA-GIRAO, QUOTED AS SAYING HE HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING DEVELOPMENTS IN PT AND HAD BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH DILI.
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